

Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation  
Johnson City Environmental Field Office  
2305 Silverdale Road  
Johnson City, TN 37601-2161

Date: November 15, 2013

RE: Operator in Responsible Charge

Gay Irwin, Program Director

Dear Gay,

This letter is to inform you that I am the Operator in Responsible Charge for the City of Bluff City Water Treatment Plant, PWSID # 0000061, beginning November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013. If you have any question, you can contact me at 276-791-4538.

Sincerely,



Donna J. Lawson

Cc: Judy Dulaney, Bluff City Town Manager

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RE: Operator in Responsible Charge

Date: October 21, 2013

Gay Irwin, Program Director, TDEC

Dear Gay,

This letter is to inform you that I am no longer the Operator in Responsible Charge for the City of Bluff City Water Treatment Plant, PWSID # 0000061, retroactive to October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013. If you have any questions, you can contact me directly at 276-791-4538.

Sincerely,

Donna J. Lawson



cc: Judy Dulaney, Bluff City Town Manager

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William R. Snodgrass Tennessee Tower  
312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue  
11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Nashville, TN 37243

Date: November 15, 2013

RE: Bluff City WTP Discharge

NPDES No. TN0073423

Mr. Jordan,

This letter is to explain the unusual discharges for the month of October. The City of Bluff City was experiencing a large distribution leak during most of the month that went undetected until the first week in November. At the same time, personnel changes were taking place that caused me and the plant operator, James Richardson, to resign from Bluff City. Enclosed you will find copies of my resignation letter to TDEC and Bluff City.

The City put Billy Walker in charge of the water plant starting on October 11, 2013 and left him in charge until his dismissal on October 31, 2013. The City Manager, Judy Dulaney, contacted me on October 31<sup>st</sup> and asked me to come back along with James, and promised that James would answer only to me in regards to water treatment operations.

The high readings reported on the DMR were taken on October 28, 2013 by Billy Walker. The conditions in which he took the sample are unknown. From the plant data we found, the plant was backwashed three times during the last week of October and there were 3,000 gallons in the backwash tank when we backwashed the filters this past week.

I do not anticipate such an event every happening again. Please call me for any questions you may have.

Sincerely,



Donna J. Lawson, OIC

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